Society.

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir. Rate of occupancy in Dwarka sub-city earlier remained low mainly because of delay in availability of electricity and water, non-availability of adequate approach, basic civic amenities like public transport, hospitals and dispensaries, schools, etc. However, as reported by DDA, basic infrastructural facilities like roads, water supply, sewerage and SW drains have already been completed by it to facilitate early occupation of residential areas. Water and electricity are also available. Land of educational institutions, health services, DTC terminals, Police Stations, Post Offices and telephone exchanges, etc. has already been handed over to the concerned Departments. Approach road/construction of flyovers are in various stages of progress.

Overlapping Jurisdiction of Municipal Bodies and Urban Development Authorities

598. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that most of the urban local self institutions the country have become weak over the years due to overlapping of jurisdiction of municipal bodies and urban development authorities which has resulted in unplanned and uncontrolled growth in urban areas;

(b) if so, the details of the directions given/proposed to be given by Government to the States to ensure that Municipal bodies in various States retain their original powers in planning and controlling the constructions in their areas of jurisdiction; and

(c) the recommendation of the recent Zonal conference of Urban Development Ministers in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) As per Entry-5 of the State List of Seventh Schedule of the Constitution, Municipality is a State subject. The Urban Local Bodies and Urban Development Authorities work within the sphere of their jurisdiction as provided in the concerned State Laws. To strengthen

the Urban Local Bodies as a vibrant unit of self-government, the Constitution 74th Amendment) Act was enacted in 1992. This Act provides for basic frame work of Urban Local Bodies alongwith their functions and powers. The 12th Schedule of the Constitution incorporated in by the above Act, provides an illustrative list of functions, which may be assigned by the State Governments to Urban Local Bodies. As municipality is a State subject, this Ministry does not give any directions to the State Governments regarding powers to the Municipal Bodies in planning and controlling the constructions in their areas of jurisdiction.

(c) A conference of Urban Development Ministers of North East States including Sikkim was held at Guwahati on 10th November 2002 to review the schemes under 10 percent provision for the development of North-East Region and Sikkim and also the Centrally Sponsored Schemes being implemented by this Ministry in the above Region. The Conference recommended for speedy, implementation of these schemes to create needed infrastructure in Urban areas to enable the Urban Local Bodies to carry out their assigned functions in an effective manner.

Use of Vacant Land at Rouse Avenue in Delhi

599. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the DDA did not prepare any scheme for the use of the land lying vacant for years at Rouse Avenue in Delhi like construction of multi-storey flats or to have auctioned the land to fetch high prices;

(b) if so, the reasons for not taking any action on the above;

(c) the reasons for allotting the land to two Societies;

(d) under whose recommendations/rules/regulations was the land allotted to those societies; and

(e) whether there is any proposal to get the matter enquired by the CBI and to bring the guilty persons before law?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL):